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SIR:

Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Japanese Office Action dated

 December 16, 2008 (and English translation thereof),
 issued in a counterpart Japanese application;
- (2) Copies of cited documents; and
- (3) IDS Form.

An English translation of said Japanese Office Action is provided, thereby satisfying the requirements for a concise explanation of relevance for any non-English language documents cited therein (MPEP 609 III A(3)).

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

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It is requested that an initialed copy of the IDS Form be returned to indicate that the documents listed therein have been considered and made of record.

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